

The Regular School Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Cafeteria at Brockton High School.

Present: Mayor Harrington, Chair; Mr. Bath, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Beyer; Mr. Daley; Mr. Dobrowski; Mr. Foley; Mrs. Joyce; Mr. Minichiello; Mr. Nembirkow, Secretary

NOTE: These minutes contain a summary of the meeting and list the items that were under discussion.

Mayor Harrington called the meeting to order at seven-thirty o'clock followed by a salute to the flag.

Hearing of Visitors

Mr. Bill McGauley, President of the Brockton Youth Foundation, was present to extend the appreciation of the Foundation to the Mayor, Superintendent, School Committee, Dr. Dukess and those who attended the "Breakfast with Champions" held on Sunday. Six people were honored, and each will have his/her picture on a box of cereal. He thanked everyone for their support and hopes that it will continue. The event was a way to honor those who make supporting local youth a priority, and to help raise funds to support recreational and enrichment programs to benefit young people. The following were honored: Barbara Duffy, Dave Gorman, Kenneth "Sonny" Hewitt, Larry Johnson, Susan Szachowicz and John T. Yunits, Jr.

Approval of Records

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the School Committee Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2009, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Chief Supervisor of Attendance

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Chief Supervisor of Attendance Report for the month of February, 2009, as presented.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Update on Community School Programs

Ms. Kathleen Smith, Director of the Community School Program, was present to update the Committee on the programs offered under the Community School Program. She stated that the program started under Harry C. Allen in 1970 when Brockton High School first opened. She proceeded to give a background of the Community School Program. She then introduced the following staff members who highlighted their particular areas: Ms. Suzanne Martin, Coordinator of the Adult Learning Center; Ms. Maxine Richardson, Coordinator of the Extended Services Program; and Ms. Laurie Silva, Coordinator of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers. The following areas were covered: Community School Advisory Board, Adult Diploma, Enrichment and Recreation programs, Driver Education, Conservatory of Music, Act One/Scene One, Get Ready, Preschool/Elementary Academic and Summer Camps, Raise Up Basketball Camp, Smart Start Extended Day, Summer School, After-School Programs, etc. Ms. Smith also highlighted partners, enrollment figures, cost, etc. After a lengthy presentation and many questions, Mrs. Beyer moved to accept the report as presented. Members congratulated

Ms. Smith and her staff for an excellent presentation.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Ratification of Addendum to MOA - Paras

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to ratify the Addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Brockton School Committee and the Brockton Education Paraprofessional Association for a three-year period from September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2011.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Ratification of MOA Custodians

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the Brockton School Committee and the Brockton School Custodians' Association for a three-year period from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2011.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Grade 6 & 7 Registrations

Ms. Lynn Winkler, Director of the School Registration and Parent Information Center, was present to highlight a report on the Grade 6 and 7 registrations and school assignments. She stated that this was the first year that all grade 5 and grade 6 students participated in registration for middle school. A key component of the reconfiguration plan approved in April, 2008, is the adoption of the middle school model beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. She stated that 1,026 forms were returned for grade 6 and 1,030 forms were returned for grade 7. After discussion, Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the report on the Grade 6 and 7 Student Registrations and School Assignments for the 2009-2010 School Year, and to authorize the notification of parents of the grades 6 and 7 school-choice assignments for September, 2009.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Pre-Kindergarten Proposal

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of a Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Classroom Quality Grant program proposal, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The proposal would be in the amount of \$17,000. The purpose is to maintain and improve the quality of preschool programs.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Integrate Schools and Mental Health Proposal

Mrs. Joyce moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of a proposal in response to the FY2009 Grants to Integrate Schools and Mental Health Systems RFP from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The Brockton Mental Health Collaborative (BMHC) will establish a comprehensive, collaborative system that will enhance and expand the prevention, intervention and treatment of students with mental health issues in grades preK to 12. Funding sought would be in the amount of \$397,896 for a twenty-four month period. Dr. Terrasi was present to answer questions.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Exxon Mobil
Proposal**

Mr. Daley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of proposals to the Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. One proposal will be sought for the Lincoln School and one proposal will be sought for East Middle School. Each proposal would be in the amount of \$750.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

Reading Proposal

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to authorize submission of a Reading Assessment proposal to the Verizon Foundation, and if successful, authorization to spend the funds. The purpose is to close the achievement gap in early reading for all Brockton students in grades 1, 2 and 3. The proposal would be in amount of \$68,596 and will leverage the district's current investment in this technology at its two pilot Reading First schools – Davis and Downey. Mrs. Lynch was present to answer questions.

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**CSAB
Minutes**

Mrs. Beyer moved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Community School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2009, as presented.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Trips

Mr. Foley moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following out-of-state trips:

1. Hancock School, grades 5 & 6, to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, New Hampshire, June 22, 2009
2. South Middle School Civil War Club, approximately 25 students, to Gettysburg, PA, April 20-23, 2009
3. BHS African-American Club, approximately 54 students, to New York on April 22, 2009

Voted: to adopt recommendation, unanimously

**Personnel
Action**

Mr. Daley moved to accept the Superintendent's notification of the following personnel action:

1. Leaves of Absence
Patricia Kilroy – Arnone (1 yr. Alternative Career – Eff. 2009-2010 school year)
Kristen C. Martin – Angelo (8 wk. Maternity – Eff. 4/28/09)
Karen VanSlyke – Raymond (8 wk. Maternity – Eff. 5/29/09)
Julia Vonella – Huntington (12 wk. Maternity – Eff. 9/1/09)
Jocelyn Meek – Communications Officer/Central (8 wk. Maternity – Eff. 4/6/09)
Shirley Daniels – Downey Paraprofessional (up to 12 wks. unpaid intermittent FMLA – Eff. 3/9/09)
2. Resignations
Natalie Eick – Gilmore (Eff. 6/30/09)
Anala Guertin – Brookfield (Eff. 3/2/09)
Kathleen O'Brien – Angelo (Eff. 2/26/09)

3. Retirement

Andrea Galvin – Baker (Eff. 6/30/09)

Voted: to accept notification, unanimously

Accounts Review

Mrs. Beyer, chair, proceeded to read the report of the Accounts Review Subcommittee Meeting of February 10, 2009. She stated that the accounts were reviewed for the period of January 7 through February 4, 2009. Mr. Dobrowski moved to accept the report as presented.

Voted: to accept motion, unanimously

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basan Nembirkow
Secretary

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